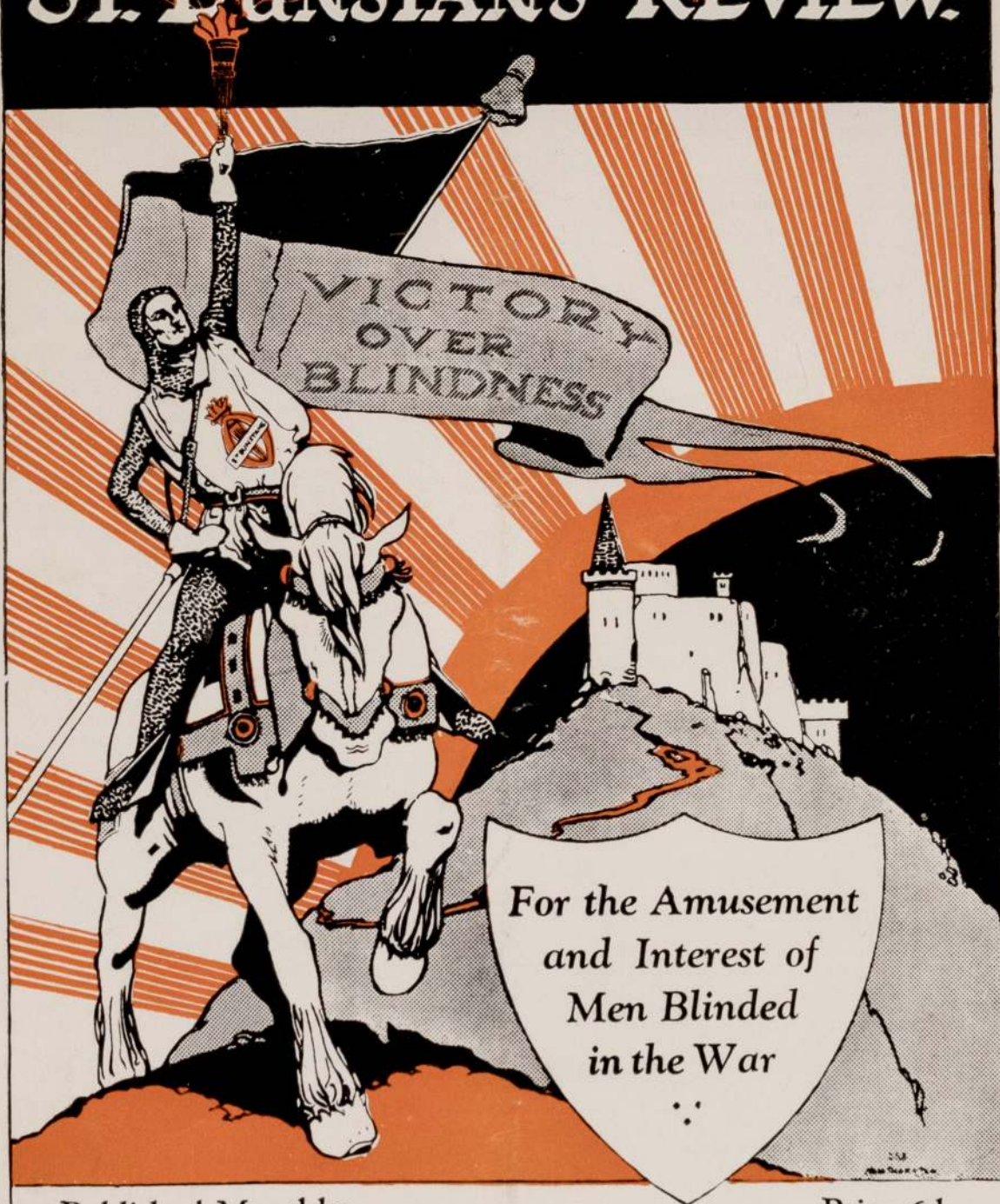


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EDITORIAL NOTES

FOR the past few months we have not been receiving as much news of our St. Dunstaner friends Overseas as usual. We tell ourselves, of course, that "no news is good news," and we are sure that St. Dunstaners Overseas have an ever-green interest in the doings of their friends at home and of the progress of the Organisation with which they spent so vitally important a time of their post-war lives. When by chance his copy of the REVIEW does not reach a reader in Canada, Australia, New Zealand or any other of the Dominions, we always get as quick notification of the fact as the next mail permits, which is alone evidence of the pleasant memories and friendships which we know will always exist between St. Dunstaners in the Motherland and abroad. We know, too, the interest with which news of Overseas St. Dunstaners is read, particularly of such success as was notified in the letter from Curtis, of East Perth, Australia, which we published in the February issue. Of course, in the natural order of things, our men living in Great Britain will be in much more frequent correspondence with the various departments at Headquarters, and so news from them is much more readily obtainable. We would like, however, to be able to establish a regular monthly feature in the REVIEW of "News from Overseas," but with all the goodwill in the world we cannot make bricks without straw!

AS our readers know, the Sales Organisation at Headquarters takes every possible opportunity of demonstrating the merits and pushing the sales of the goods made by our craftsmen by means of participation in suitable London and Provincial Trades Exhibitions, &c. In many of the smaller towns, however, there are provided during the year opportunities for this form of publicity and sales which could be seized with much advantage by individual craftsmen. The expense of a stand for demonstration and taking orders, &c., is usually quite moderate and in many cases a St. Dunstaner would probably find that he would be allowed to demonstrate on such occasions at a nominal or even at no charge at all for space. We would strongly urge the value of such methods of making our men's craftsmanship known to their local public. The direct results obtained in orders are but a tithe of the benefits which follow from the widening of the circle of customers and the arousing of lasting interest in the exhibitors' productions. We suggest that St. Dunstaners should keep a lively look-out for such exhibitions.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

THANKS to his political keenness and his many social activities, A. Law, of Cheltenham, is acquiring a useful as well as an interesting circle of friends. As a natural result, local orders have a happy knack of coming Law's way, perhaps because he has shown himself willing to help in his turn and often takes the part of secretary when such an individual is required at one of the meetings he attends.

St. Dunstaners have been sharing in the calamities occasioned by the severe cold, among them P. Saintry, of Sydenham, who was unfortunate enough to experience two bursts on succeeding days, both of which flooded his house. He was driven to let the water out of his kitchen by making a hole in the floor. All fellow sufferers will give him sympathy, we feel sure.

R. Middlemiss has made a most excellent start in Plymouth, where he has a nice house in a splendid position and keeps it in exceptional order.

Another Devon man, F. W. Thompson, has had the pleasure of welcoming a daughter and son-in-law back from India within the last few weeks—though unfortunately they were "invalided home." All the same, their coming should be very welcome to both Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

The widespread frost has affected even Cornwall, and R. A. Clarke, of Gunnislake, had his workshop blown down in a gale. The new one he is now erecting should be a most substantial affair, as he is procuring some excellent concrete blocks locally.

A very pleasant little happening has occurred in connection with a visit of W. Robinson, of Crouch Hill, to a concert at Rotherhithe recently. The St. Dunstan's film was being shown, and someone informed the manager that one of the original

men appearing in the film was present, whereupon an invitation to sing reached Robinson, who rendered three songs with great effect.

"A very excellent pupil" is the report that has reached us concerning G. Strutt, of Sheffield, who has just been taking instruction in mat-making at home, and finds the craft interesting.

Every poultryman will realise the dismay of C. Knight, of North Evington, who having left his birds laying anything from 50 to 100 eggs a day, returned to count himself lucky if he could collect three per diem. Was he downhearted? No! He tackled the job of restoring them to productivity with such energy and success that within a fortnight his daily average touched his best figure—no little feat, we think, considering the weather.

"A nice lot of orders awaiting attention" is the happy position in which F. G. Trendell, of Bury St. Edmunds, finds himself. It is not surprising that he is in "very good spirits."

With the poultry doing satisfactorily and the children getting on in their various occupations, including the small boy still at school, T. Condon, of Basingstoke, is making progress.

The state of the roads has prevented W. J. Keen, of Battlewell, Purton, from getting into the town for two weeks, and this has meant a bad set-back to his green-grocery. As a result he is devoting his attention to mat-making and poultry exclusively for the moment.

One of our most successful gardeners is S. C. Loram, of Brixham. He not only has a constant supply of vegetables and fruit for his own household, but went a long

FROM THE WORLD OVER



way towards clearing his rent last year, so excellent were his crops of apples, pears, &c.

The "Carnell Jazz Band" is flourishing, and small wonder, for Carnell is as cheery and enterprising as ever. His poultry are doing well, and the fact that the houses are scattered about in a disused quarry seems to present no difficulties to Carnell. In between attending to his birds he still pursues his trade of mat-maker, and was immensely amused when a customer returned a mat Carnell had made for his car years ago with the odd request that he would "fill in" the slots and holes made to fit the gears of one car so that it could be used in another!

W. V. Clampett and his wife are well settled in their new house and hope to have no more moves for a long while. It is in a fine central position and a few local orders have come in already.

Work is somewhat slack in the Malvern district according to A. Hinton, of Newtown, but he is never idle since either the poultry or the garden invariably need attention.

Pigs are interesting F. Peacock, of Stokesley, at present, and he finds the outdoor work beneficial to his health. He now has five, and looks after them single-handed.

Yet another of the fortunate St. Dunstaners to be blessed with a capable wife is A. Smith, of Elwick. He lives a long way out but has a jolly bungalow with a tea-room attached, where as many as sixty people are often entertained in the summer week-ends. No wonder the place is popular, for everything is "home-made," Mrs. Smith herself being responsible for all the jam, bread, cakes, &c.

Everyone will sympathise with R. C.

and Mrs. Botley, of Surbiton, who, having had two tragic losses within the month (Mr. Botley and his daughter died within a few weeks of one another), returned home from a visit to the hospital to find that the house had been broken into. The thieves must have been disturbed, for they had not cleared the place as thoroughly as they might have done, but Mrs. Botley lost all her jewellery.

Six children stricken with 'flu would have reduced most people to despair, but S. Jennings and his wife, of Potto, are still smiling. The two eldest girls must be prodigies, for they both carried off the school prizes for being "the best all-round workers" in the school.

How many men keep to "office hours" at their workshops? D. Ironside, of Glasgow, has made this a rule and goes down regularly every morning at 9 a.m. No wonder he "gets things done."

D. T. Edwards, of Sandy, is a very busy man with a variety of interests. He has just started a jazz band and has a number of engagements for dances, &c., and is also organising a whist drive. In addition he intends to run a stall at the Sandy Show in August, as he was most successful in his venture last year.

Trade has improved so much recently with W. Mitchell that he has decided not to move from Poplar.

"Nothing to complain of," says J. Ridley (Finchley), philosophically. At the time of writing he is busy making a most excellent step-ladder.

D. Makin, of Wallsend-on-Tyne, is as jolly and full of work as usual. He has quite a large allotment and some glass.

Another Tynesider who is well and happy

News of St. Dunstaners—continued

is M. Mulvaney; he is working very hard at his mats.

A nice little house and about three acres of ground keep J. Simpson going, but he has some energies unexpended and is thinking of going in for pigs.

"Trade about the same" says G. T. Shaw, of Walsall, who is looking well and cheery. He is very keen on his splendid new wireless set which gives him much pleasure.

All goes well with our Irish group. H. McAteer, of Belfast, is as light-hearted as ever, despite matrimonial responsibilities. His shop progresses and "gives him much to think about," and his pigeons are doing well; he anticipates carrying off some prizes this year.

As for E. Callaghan, of the same town, he says he was "never better in his life."

E. Gribben is "getting along fine," has enough work to keep him going, and is well ahead with what must be done in the garden.

A new house with a fine view over the Lough is delighting the McCann family, and a large motor sundry warehouse in the town promises to put work in his way, having seen what excellent mats he can make.

The motoring world certainly does its best for St. Dunstaners, for J. Brockerton, of Coleraine, was busy completing orders for mats for cars up to the last minute before his departure on a convalescent holiday.

If G. H. Hawkins, of Cannock, were appealed to for advice on the subject of pigs, we think he would advise their being kept, *if the growing variety* can be obtained! Five of his grew fast and sold well—the remaining four decline to follow their example. We trust they will develop with exemplary rapidity when the warmer weather comes.

An outbreak of fire occurred in the workshop of T. Peach, of Luton, which was most unpleasant; but all damage was speedily repaired and Peach is at work again.

Both D. Livingstone's boys have carried off bursaries which enable them to attend the Kilmarnock Academy. They are evidently true chips of the old block and have a Scottish appreciation of the value of education.

Knee-deep snow has been surrounding A. Highet, of Stewarton, Ayrshire, but he declines to consider discomforts and rejoices that he can find a ready market for his eggs.

A mat order from a local church has reached W. Waddell, of Stirlingshire—this is one of those pleasant kind of orders that frequently lead to others, and we hope it will in this case. Waddell is a late wireless recruit and an enthusiast.

In idle moments some St. Dunstaners might follow the example set by N. McDonald, of Glasgow, who, having nothing pressing on hand, has just delighted the hearts of his children by making them a doll's bed.

R. Metcalfe, who has been studying Braille books on the subject of poultry, with the intention of keeping a few hens as a hobby, has just secured a nice piece of land near his house, and is looking forward to getting to work on it. Incidentally, he has a fine dog, an exceedingly lovable retriever who is never more proud than when called upon to lead Metcalfe. What about a column of dog-stories? Surely St. Dunstaners could swap some good yarns about their pets!

One who seems to have discovered how to "weather the weather whether he likes it or not" is H. Nelson, of Durham; hardly a day passes without his being able to do some work in his garden. Perhaps it is the active work and plenty of air that keeps him well and flourishing.

Brief Notes

The making of sinnet kneeling mats has been keeping busy A. Impey, of Dunstable; friends will be glad to know that his ankle is well again, except, of course, that it troubles him a little when there is a change in the weather.

J. Vernon looks fit, we hear, and keeps himself amused with wireless and a few rabbits. He has been having a difficult time since his wife has been laid up with bronchitis; J. Watson, of Durham, keeps well and as jolly as ever. His little house is most comfortable—a real home.

All's well with T. Burrige, who is near Maidenhead—he has secured several local orders of late. C. Norman, of Barnsbury, too, is well and cheery. In Hatfield Peverel, S. Letch is doing well with mats. G. W. Rickard, of the same craft but resident near Aylesbury, is making very neat mats and is careful over every detail.

The recent cold spell found out weak spots in most families, but J. Donnelly, of Northumberland, seemed to thrive on it, and, with his wife and small boy "Jackie," looks simply blooming! Another who is exceptionally fit is C. Roach, of Darlington. H. Finkle, of Sunderland, is yet another who is well, and G. Spires, of Malvern, while not able to do as much as he would like, keeps cheerful.

Among mat-makers pegging steadily along are C. Davey, of Sawbridgeworth, and A. Taylor, of Stanway, Essex.

Visits to the dentist are always unpleasant, but they usually have a wonderful effect on the health of the patient. All will be glad to know that A. Lane is wonderfully better since having his teeth out. His little farm, too, is prospering.

In Haven Lane, Ealing, M. O. Ankers is mending boots and shoes for all comers.

J. Lawlor, of Dublin, has decided that netting is good for the health; he is

feeling quite a different man since he took it up. T. Smith, of Boldon Colliery, Durham, and family are "O.K." In Chadwell Heath J. W. Birchall is working steadily away at his joinery, as is G. J. Boulwood with netting in Romford. P. Yuile, of Maryhill, Glasgow, is looking forward to spending the first fortnight of July at Brighton, and is wondering whom of his many friends he will find there at the same time.

H. Thomson, of Warrington, reports a clean bill of health and a good number of local orders. Long may this happy state of affairs continue!

TWO IMPORTANT NOTICES**Anniversary Dance**

The above will take place at St. Marylebone Hall, Marylebone Road (entrance in Seymour Place), N.W.1, on Tuesday, 9th April, from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission from 7.30 onwards. A hearty invitation to all St. Dunstaners.

Applications for tickets should be made as usual to Matron, Miss Power. One escort only for each St. Dunstaner.

It is regretted that children under 14 cannot be admitted. The dance hall is opposite the Great Central Hotel in Marylebone Road, and one minute's walk from Marylebone Station on the G.C. Railway. Omnibuses from many parts of London pass the door.

Stocktaking

Men are asked to notice particularly that as stock will be taken in the stores just before and after the Easter holiday, it will not be possible to deal promptly with orders and payments about that time. It would be best for men needing material just before Easter to order well in advance.

W. H. O.

The late Sir Washington Ranger, D.C.L. A Great Blind Worker for the Blind

SPECIAL MEMOIR

THE greatest debt which St. Dunstan's owes to the memory of Sir Washington Ranger, whose death we were only able to briefly record in last month's issue, is for the part he played in bringing the wonderful genius, sympathy, and organising powers of our own great Chief, Sir Arthur Pearson, to the service of the blind world, thus undoubtedly leading to the creation of St. Dunstan's. Although the present writer cannot state definitely the first occasion on which these two blind philanthropists met, Sir Washington Ranger had enlisted the co-operation of Sir Arthur Pearson some time before the outbreak of the Great War and the vital problem had arisen of dealing with war-blinded men which the war so quickly brought in its train.

From that time onwards these two protagonists of victory over the great handicap of blindness were in constant touch, and, indeed, on the very day before Sir Arthur's death in 1921, he wrote a letter to Sir Washington expressing his high appreciation of the always cordial and sympathetic nature of their mutual association.

While to anyone who knew the ambitions and ideals of our own Chief it becomes an almost certain assumption that he would in any case have played a leading part in the foundation and control of such an organisation as St. Dunstan's, we owe it to Sir Washington Ranger's enlistment of Sir Arthur's earlier services that our Chief was able to bring to bear upon the initiation of St. Dunstan's not only his own natural organising abilities and driving force, but a valuable practical experience of the best and then most up-to-date measures for dealing with the problem of blindness.

Alfred Washington Guest Ranger was born at Brislington in Somerset on the 9th March 1848, and had thus reached the

age of eighty-one at his death on the 14th February last. He became blind at the age of fourteen, after a long illness, and was sent to the Worcester College for the Higher Education of Blind Boys. To show the courage and character of Sir Washington Ranger, even in those early days, we may recall the description he used to give of the moment when he first knew he had lost his sight permanently. "One morning I opened my right eye (he had lost the sight of the left eye some time previously) and saw nothing. I stared towards the place where I knew the sunlight was, and it was all dark. My father came into the room, and I said "Father, I am now quite blind." He was more distressed than I was. I was too young, perhaps, to realise it."

Nevertheless, young Ranger set himself to do everything in his power to overcome his affliction, and this at a time, it must be remembered, when the opportunities and training of the blind were in a much less advanced state than nowadays. At Worcester College he first studied music, but although realising that a more practical profession would be more difficult at which to attain success, he yet felt such strong leanings towards the practice of the law that, in spite of advice to the contrary, he started his studies in this new direction.

His father had recently died, and this left the family in limited circumstances. A University career was therefore beyond young Ranger's means, but the necessary funds were provided by the help of his brother and by the grants of three great City companies—the Goldsmiths', the Fishmongers', and the Grocers'. His career at Worcester College, Oxford, was a triumph. He took first-class honours in the Jurisprudence School for the B.A. degree, and first-class honours for the B.C.L. degree. He was *proxime accessit* in the Vinerian Law Scholarship open to the whole university, and finally, in 1881, he secured, and to this day is, the only

blind man to have done so, the much-coveted D.C.L. degree.

We must pass quickly over the trials and successes in the study of his profession which followed, although they make most stimulating reading. It is Sir Washington Ranger's work for the blind which has endeared his memory not only to all those afflicted like himself, but to all who knew him. Although he had established and was prosecuting a most successful business as a solicitor, he never lost his connection with Worcester College, the institution which had given him his first chance. He became a Governor and Honorary Secretary, and eventually Chairman. He also devoted much time to the fund for providing scholarships for blind boys, was for many years Fellow of and Honorary Solicitor to the College of Teachers of the Blind, and as Honorary Solicitor rendered inestimable service to many blind societies. He took a keen interest in the founding by the National Institute for the Blind of a college for blind girls at Chorley Wood, similar to the Worcester College for Blind Boys, and was primarily responsible for the Institution's most successful experiments in founding homes for blind babies in various parts of the country.

We have referred to Sir Washington's close association with Sir Arthur Pearson. He was a member of St. Dunstan's Committee from its inception, and subsequently a Vice-President, until advancing age rendered necessary his resignation from that position, for he was the type of man who never consented to stand in a merely nominal capacity.

Sir Washington was knighted in 1918. He was married in 1893, and has one son, Captain Vincent Ranger, who succeeded him in his business, and three daughters. For many years Sir Washington's firm, Messrs. Ranger, Burton & Frost, have been solicitors to the Salvation Army, and the firm has also been St. Dunstan's legal advisers for a long time.

Although for the past year or two Sir Washington Ranger has not been able to take active part in philanthropic or professional work, his death adds another to the losses which the past decade has seen amongst the great workers on behalf of

the blind world. None can estimate the number of darkened lives that have been lightened, the struggling souls that have been uplifted, and the ambitions that have been fired to high achievement by the moral example and the practical aid and encouragement of such greatly inspired men as this venerated citizen who made his own great handicap the incentive to fight not merely for himself, but for all those who had lost what he had lost.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place at Sanderstead on 16th February, and representatives of many organisations for the welfare of the blind from all parts of the country were present at the service in the church which preceded the interment. Amongst these, and in addition to members of the family, were Sir Beachcroft Towse, V.C., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., Chairman of the National Institute for the Blind, Captain Ian Fraser, C.B.E., M.P., Mr. P. MacIntyre Evans, representing the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties Association for the Blind and the Union of Counties Association for the Blind; Mr. G. F. Mowatt, of the National Institute for the Blind; Mr. G. C. Brown, Headmaster of Worcester College for the Blind; and Mr. W. Frost, of the firm of Messrs. Ranger, Burton & Frost, for over fifty years partner of Sir Alfred.

The profusion of floral tributes bore testimony to the respect in which the deceased was held. Those from the blind included: From the members of the Executive Council and the men of St. Dunstan's; the Chairman and Council of the National Institute for the Blind; the Staff at Queen Victoria Street, "with deepest sympathy and in affectionate remembrance of our revered principal"; and the Croydon Voluntary Association for the Blind.

A recent number of the *Essex Weekly News* prints a most interesting article on the war experiences and the present-day work of R. E. Naman, who will be known to most St. Dunstaners, not only as a most efficient telephone operator, but as the possessor of a remarkably pure male soprano voice.

The Chairman's Notes

I SHOULD like to add my personal tribute to what the Editor has to say on another page in this issue about Sir Washington Ranger. I sat with him on a number of committees at St. Dunstan's, the National Institute for the Blind, Worcester College for the Higher Education of the Blind, &c., and was able to appreciate the soundness of his judgment and his business ability. Sir Washington rendered a great service to the blind community, during a long life, and his example was and will remain one to be followed. Outstanding as was his philanthropic work, I have always admired him most in his capacity as founder and head of the great firm of solicitors, Messrs. Ranger, Burton & Frost. To have established a firm of such standing and prestige, in spite of the handicap of blindness, and at a time when blind people had exceedingly small opportunities, was a very remarkable achievement. Those who knew Sir Washington lost the services of a kindly, courteous and exceedingly valuable colleague on his retirement, and now that he has died we shall long respect his memory and try to emulate his example.

Most St. Dunstaners, I think, will have read in the papers or have heard that we entered into an agreement with the British Legion last year with regard to flag days. For many years St. Dunstan's has organised its own flag days, or Cameo Days, as we called them, and we used to receive quite good collections from various parts of the country. There has always been, however, considerable pressure upon local authorities from various organisations which desired to have their special day, and St. Dunstan's has had to work very hard to keep its place in this collecting field. Town councils, county councils, and chief constables realised that the public were getting tired of too many flag days. Often they would say to us, would we not share a day with the local Blind Institution or with somebody else. Generally

St. Dunstan's succeeded pretty well, but to keep our position it would have been necessary for us to increase our staff, and, therefore, our expenses. We could have done this without difficulty and thus secured our position, for given an adequate local staff St. Dunstan's, with its strong appeal and great influence, would have nothing to fear.

The idea however arose of trying to arrange some kind of amalgamation, either with the civilian blind interests, or with the British Legion. We have every sympathy with the civilian blind organisations, but, as I have often written in the REVIEW before, we are primarily ex-service men, and it seemed more natural that any association into which we were to enter should be with other ex-service men, if possible. Therefore we approached the British Legion to see if we could come to an arrangement which would be mutually beneficial.

As a result an agreement was entered into under which we receive 5 per cent. of the net proceeds of Poppy Day throughout the whole country, excluding Scotland. Five per cent. seems a small amount, but, as everyone will realise, Poppy Day is an enormous collection, and the British Legion concentrates the whole of its efforts upon it, whereas St. Dunstan's flag days were only one part, and that a small part, of St. Dunstan's activities. In fact, the forecast of the results of the 1928 Poppy Day shows that the British Legion has collected substantially more than in 1927, so that both the Legion and St. Dunstan's may be well satisfied. It does not mean that St. Dunstan's receives a grant from the British Legion, for we have given up our flag days in exchange for a share of Poppy Day. It means that instead of working separately and in competition with each other we are working together. Of course, the agreement does not prevent St. Dunstan's from going on with its other collections, for our share of even one of the best Poppy Days would only bring in

a small fraction of what St. Dunstan's needs.

I think it is a very satisfactory thing that we have associated ourselves with the Legion in this way, for, apart from the financial result, an element of co-operation between all those organisations which care for ex-service men is in the ex-service men's best interest. We never know but that some day we may all have to stand together in some controversy or other, and the fact that we have entered into a measure of co-operation will then prove of the utmost value.

One of the conditions of the agreement was that the British Legion should be represented on St. Dunstan's Executive Council, and that a member of St. Dunstan's Council should attend the British Legion Benevolent Committee when matters affecting St. Dunstan's were under consideration. Under this arrangement the Council of St. Dunstan's has nominated me to attend the Benevolent Committee of the British Legion, and the British Legion has nominated Captain W. Appleby to attend St. Dunstan's Council. It is a curiously interesting accident that the nominee of the British Legion should himself be a St. Dunstaner, for Captain Appleby was blinded in the war, and was at St. Dunstan's for a time in the early days. It is a matter for congratulation that a St. Dunstaner should have attained such high office in the British Legion that he should be nominated for this duty.

I think the following brief particulars of Captain Appleby's public work will be of interest to readers of the REVIEW.

Captain Appleby was one of the founders of the organisation known as the Comrades of the Great War, in the very early days, and when this was merged in the British Legion he remained on the National Executive Council. He is a member of the Benevolent Committee of the Legion, which controls the whole of the finances of the Legion; he is Chairman of the National Employment Committee, and until this year was Chairman of the Policy Committee of the Legion; a member of the General Purposes Committee, and of the Council of Preston Hall. Since the formation of the

King's National Roll Council he has represented the Legion on it, and is a member of the Council of International Federations of Ex-Service Men and has represented Great Britain for many years on all the International Conferences of the Legion, in America, France, Italy, &c. He has also been a member of the National Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union.

While writing about the subject of the Legion and St. Dunstan's, I should be very interested to know how many of our blinded soldiers are members of the Legion. I believe that a great many have joined, and I know that there are some who occupy quite important offices, as Chairmen of Committees of branches, &c. I would be glad to have a postcard from any of my friends who are members, and I most certainly urge those who are not to go into the question of joining. They will find generally that the local branches of the Legion provide them with many enjoyable social advantages at a small cost, and there is no doubt that the stronger and more representative the Legion is the better it is for the ex-service men's movement. I have been a member of a branch of the British Legion for many years, and since I have been in the House of Commons have taken an active interest in the House of Commons Branch, to which members of all parties who are themselves ex-service men belong.

Ian Fraser

Freemason St. Dunstaners

The following names should be added to the list published last month:—George H. Wiltshire, A. F. Kitson, and L. Jackson.

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SPORTS CLUB NOTES

Running

(London Section)

ENTRIES are invited for the Shield Running Competition to be held at Manchester at the end of May.

DISTANCES

S.S.	T.B.
$\frac{1}{4}$ Mile	$\frac{3}{4}$ Mile
$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile	1 Mile

We should like to have the names of Competitors as soon as possible so that necessary arrangements can be made for training.

L. WOOLRYCH.

Maidenhead Walk, 13th April

Please will all Competitors for the 25 Mile Walk on Saturday, 13th April, kindly send me in their names by 25th March so that the necessary arrangements can be made?

Sports Meeting

There will be a Sports Meeting in the Lounge at Headquarters on Tuesday, 16th April, at 7 p.m., to discuss:—

1. Summer Sports.
2. Regatta.
3. General Sports and Rowing Teams for Shield Competition.

The Winter Term will conclude on 26th March and the Summer Term will commence in Regent's Park on 23rd April when we hope we shall have a really large gathering throughout the summer on Tuesday evenings.

All our congratulations go to the winners of the Winter Sports, and especially to the few who have been such regular supporters all through the winter and have never failed to turn up on Tuesday evenings.

POINTS			
Nichols	157	Kerr	34
Birchall	155	Winter	28
Crooke	144	Roden	25
Martin	71	Scott	24
Prior	60	Ruddock	21
Fleetwood	57	Anderson	20
McFarlane	53	Rhodes	18
Webster	52	Chapple	14
Lambert	35		

The Fifteen Mile Walk

The above walking race was held from Headquarters on 23rd February, and from an original entry of twenty-six, seventeen arrived at the post. 'Flu had a word to say in this.

It was not an ideal day for walking—cold and rain, and the Camden Town side of the park thick with fog during the second half of the race.

Captain Fraser's name appeared on the programme as official starter, but as the boys were lined up prior to the start he announced that it was the anniversary of Mr. Kessell's birthday. (Loud cheers and many happy returns from all present.) Captain Fraser then proposed that Mr. Kessell should start the race. Our treasurer, who has performed this ceremony on several previous occasions, got the competitors off to a good start. The race may be read more or less from the time-sheet printed below. The competitors displayed very good judgment in the early stages. Benning finished first in the T.B. section, but only after a great struggle with Thompson, Boorman, Kerr, and Williams (a very much improved walker). Rhodes secured the handicap. The S.S. Section was won by Archie Brown in 2 hrs. 10 mins. 40 secs. Gover was second and Ashton third. Fallowfield came up fourth, followed by Giles, Quigley, and Whitton. (I didn't see what happened to "Snowie.")

Taking into consideration the climatic conditions, some very good times were recorded, so much so that our walkers have aroused the curiosity of at least one gentleman well known in athletic circles,

who asked for particulars, i.e. correct distance. The answer to this inquiry has been kindly furnished by the park superintendent. The Outer Circle distance is 2 miles 7 furlongs 58 yards, and the straight connecting road between the Outer and Inner Circle 440 yards, and, therefore, the contestants on Saturday, who traversed

the straight road once out and once home, and five laps of the Outer Circle, actually covered a distance of 15 miles 70 yards. The prizes were presented by the Rt. Hon. Sir Rennell Rodd, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., M.P., who recounted some very amusing experiences in Canada.

W. A. T.

RESULTS FIFTEEN MILE SEALED HANDICAP OUTER CIRCLE WALK 23RD FEBRUARY 1929 T.B.

Name	Escort	Scr Rc	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	Rd. 5 & Actual Time	Hand. Allow.	Hand. Time	Psn. in H'p
A. Benning ..	Mr. Sly ..	1	m. s.	m. s.	m. s.	m. s.	h. m. s.	m. s.	h. m. s.	2
H. Thompson ..	.. Webster Shore ..	2	30 12	29 0	29 33	29 55	2 31 44	1 30	2 30 14	
H. Boorman ..	.. Hill ..	3	30 48	29 37	28 50	30 9	2 32 48	Scr.	2 32 48	3
H. Kerr ..	.. Donkin ..	4	30 39	29 37	29 5	32 49	2 30 50	2 45	2 34 12	5
L. Williams ..	.. May ..	5	32 27	30 7	30 35	32 55	2 40 15	5 0	2 35 15	6
F. Rhodes ..	.. Matthews ..	6	32 28	30 7	29 55	32 24	2 41 35	7 30	2 34 5	4
W. Anderson ..	.. Hall ..		35 25	32 4	32 6	34 28	2 49 32	20 30	2 29 2	1
W. Shakespeare ..	.. Potter ..		39 4	35 24	36 4	33 26				

S.S.

A. Brown ..	Mr. Nye ..	1	27 24	25 6	24 54	24 5	2 10 40	Scr.	2 10 40	1
H. Gover ..	.. Harris ..	2	27 45	26 49	26 46	26 57	2 19 31	4 45	2 14 46	2
P. Ashton ..	.. Austin ..	3	27 44	26 50	26 46	28 13	2 26 12	4 15	2 21 57	4
G. Fallowfield ..	.. Chalk ..	4	29 4	27 23	30 15	31 8	2 33 26	10 15	2 23 11	5
W. Giles ..	.. Martin ..	5	29 39	29 30	30 45	32 8	2 30 45	20 0	2 16 45	3
B. Quigley ..	.. Fowler ..	6	35 28	32 2	33 7	34 37	2 49 51	20 0	2 29 51	6
J. Whitten ..	.. C. H. Hill ..	7	33 44	32 50	33 27	34 59	2 49 59	20 0	2 29 59	7
T. Gidney ..	.. Palmer ..		29 55	28 59	29 50					
W. Roberts ..	.. Fielder ..		30 47	28 8	31 9					
A. Jones ..	.. Leary ..									

PRIZES

T.B.	S.S.
1. F. Rhodes.	1. A. Brown.
2. A. Benning.	2. H. Gover.
3. H. Thompson.	3. W. Giles.
4. L. Williams (kindly presented by Mr. S. Parsons).	
W. Anderson (kindly presented by Mrs. Giorgi).	

MEDALS FOR FASTEST TIME

T.B.	S.S.
1. H. Boorman.	1. P. Ashton.
2. H. Kerr.	2. G. Fallowfield.
	3. B. Quigley.

Family Help

Our paragraph relating to the fact that the young son of J. Peeling, of Ashton-

under-Lyne has been instrumental in securing orders for the mats his father makes, induces A. Sterno, of Bath, to tell us how excellently his own boys are doing a like good work. Sterno has three sons, and all of them—even the youngest of five years—have brought Daddy many orders for the boot repairs which he carries out so efficiently. Another duty the boys undertake with willing enthusiasm is the delivery of Sterno's work to customers, which, as their father points out, is a valuable aid to him and enables the boys always to keep in touch with the progress of his business. These willing youngsters are also brought up to know the prices of repairs and the places of the many sundries in grindery, &c., which Sterno sells.

News from the Workshops

BOOTS

T. E. Gidney, during the last three months, has continued to do very good work and at the time of writing he had just been fixed up in his workshop at Stoke Newington and was busy unpacking his outfit, in order to start operations. We are confidently looking forward to having some good news of him in the near future. W. Smith has also been turning out some very satisfactory work during the same period; he gets a good finish and works with style, maintaining a very high and consistent standard. He was hoping to take over some premises at Birkdale, Stockport, and we wish him every success with the business proposition that he has in hand. J. Jackson is another man in this shop who has completed his course. He showed every desire to get all the knowledge he could, and proved to be a very trustworthy workman, who should profit by future experience. He is settling in Keighley, and we heard from him at the end of February that he has already started business. W. Armstrong handles his work as if he thinks about it, and gives us the impression of being anxious to make good. He showed marked improvement in his work in the early part of this term, so that we are anticipating still further advancements on his part. T. Dickinson was handling his tools much better in January; he has made a marked improvement in riveting and has been getting a much better finish on his work. J. T. Illingworth met with the usual beginner's difficulties in December. He continued to make fair advance during January, showed keenness in the work, and his recent progress has been quite steady. S. McLeod has had considerable difficulty with marking, but is now handling his tools rather better. F. Williams has been reaching quite a good standard, his chief trouble being the loose handling of tools, and finishing. He has been having experience with toecapping and fixing quarter rubbers, and has shown a very decided improvement in the shape of his edges.

BASKETS

A. C. Brignall has continued to work on children's baskets, teapot stands, tea-trays and work-baskets, and during the month of February has been revising the whole of his work in preparation for completing his course. A. Kimber had a little experience with some centre cane work and stools during December. Following that, he did a special order and some centre cane tea-trays, and then had about a month on soiled linens, getting a good general appearance. He has also been making some oval work and a dog bed, which latter was fairly good all round. B. Quigley was quite successful with a large waste-paper basket, 11" bottom, 20" deep and 18" top, which was made in January. He has since then done dog beds, round and three-cornered soiled linens, and a stool, and is making steady progress. W. Shaw has also been having further experience with soiled linens, in the early part of the term. He then did some bag baskets, oval shopping baskets, oval clothes, and square picnics, putting in some very useful work. L. Williams commenced this term and has done barrels, waste papers, starting square work at the end of February. A 6" barrel, with coloured enamel, was exceptionally well done in the first week in February.

St. Dunstan's Singers

On the 8th February the St. Dunstan's Singers sang at 52 Prince's Gate, when Mr. and Mrs. Hay Walker were At Home to over a 100 guests. The choir sang groups of part songs and solos were also given by Messrs. Burran, Webster, Peckham, and Rhodes.

A most delightful part of the evening was a group of songs given by Miss Dorothy Silk, accompanied by Mr. George Reeves. These two eminent artistes offered to help the St. Dunstan's Singers with this concert.

The audience was very enthusiastic and gave the "singers" a very warm welcome. Everyone was most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Hay Walker for so kindly lending their house for this enjoyable evening.

"In Memory"

DRIVER C. G. CLARKE
(Royal Army Service Corps)

It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing of this St. Dunstan, who enlisted in January 1916 and saw active service in France. Clarke came to St. Dunstan's in September 1917, and was trained in boot-repairing. He did exceedingly well at this work, and on leaving in December 1918 he worked up a good connection at East Horrington, in Somerset. As is the case, however, with so many of our St. Dunstaners, his health began to fail, and eventually he had to give up his boot-repairing altogether. At the beginning of this year Clarke became seriously ill and was admitted to Shepton Mallet Hospital, where he died on the 18th January, aged 52.

The interment took place at Bath on the 22nd January. The funeral ceremonies were very impressive, the bier being drawn by a pony and covered with the Union Jack from the Bath British Legion, upon which was laid a beautiful wreath from Captain Fraser and his other Comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We send our sincere sympathy to Clarke's sister, with whom he had lived for many years.

PRIVATE JOHN ERIC PEARSON
(Manchester Regiment)

Enlisting in November of 1915, this St. Dunstaner served in France, and after his discharge came to St. Dunstan's in December 1920. He was trained in basket-making, and proved to be a steady and very neat worker. On leaving he was given a workshop where he carried on with this trade, but he was considerably handicapped by ill-health. He had recently suffered a great deal of illness, and died suddenly on the 26th January.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, 30th January, at Flixton Parish Church, Flixton, near Manchester, St. Dunstan's being represented by Mr. E. I. Buckley. Mr. Fairclough was unfortunately unable to be present, owing to his illness. There were many beautiful wreaths received, one being in the form of St. Dunstan's Badge and bearing the inscription "From Captain Fraser and his other comrades at St. Dunstan's."

Pearson was thirty-five years of age. He was unmarried, but leaves a very devoted sister, to whom we send our very sincere condolences.

PRIVATE SAMUEL OAKES
(King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry)

Private Oakes joined the Army just six months before the outbreak of war. He received his discharge in April 1916, but did not come to St. Dunstan's until February 1920. He was with us two years, during which time he learned wool rug-making.

Oakes bore very patiently a great amount of suffering, but throughout the whole of his illness he always looked on the brightest possible side of everything. Towards the end of 1928 he became much worse, and passed away on the 5th January last, at the age of fifty-eight years.

The funeral took place on Thursday, 10th January, at Lancaster Cemetery. Amongst the many floral tributes received was a wreath in the form of Our Badge from Captain Fraser and his St. Dunstaner comrades.

PRIVATE REGINALD P. GEORGE
(Royal Army Service Corps)

Although this man was admitted to St. Dunstan's benefits in May of last year, he was unable to undergo a course of training on account of poor health. He became much worse some time prior to Christmas last, and died on the 27th December.

George was a native of Irchester, near Wellingborough, where he sang in the Church Choir when a boy. He was also a member of the British Legion.

The funeral took place on the 31st December, and many mourners and friends were present. Numerous beautiful wreaths, included tributes from Captain Fraser, Sister Nelson, and fellow St. Dunstaners.

George was only thirty-three years of age, and leaves a widow, three children, and his mother to mourn his memory.

An "In Memory" Notice of Private Edward Fitton will appear in the April "Review."

After-Care Reunions

SHEFFIELD

ONE reads continually that the Editor regrets lack of space in the REVIEW—consequently, to send a full account of the three meetings held recently in Yorkshire would be simply "asking for trouble." This is unfortunate, because so enjoyable and full of incident were they that to send merely a brief outline seems a pity.

On 24th January we had a very successful gathering at Roberts Cafe, Sheffield. Not so large in number as in previous years, I think, but everyone seemed to be in such splendid spirits that it was impossible to be other than happy. An excellent concert probably magnified the atmosphere of jollity, and all thoroughly enjoyed the music, songs and stories of Messrs. Will Lindsay, the old pantomime favourite, and H. Harrison. E. Garthwaite and B. Inman brought along some songs, too.

Prizes were won in the guessing competitions by C. Herring, A. Oldfield, Mrs. Oldfield, and Mrs. Hornsby.

LEEDS

A first-class attendance went far to making the reunion held at the Masonic Hall, Leeds, on 6th February a big success, and incidentally an exciting one, for we had the unique experience of a "young fire." During the business of eating, someone came along with a camera and proceeded to erect various gadgets for the purpose of taking a photograph. Before we had recovered from the effects of the flash-light the artificial flowers forming the decorations all around the room had caught fire and spread with alarming rapidity. Mr. Swain's quick action saved a serious calamity, although he did not appear to at all realise why A. Doyle shook him so warmly by the hand, thereby expressing appreciation on behalf of one and all.

The concert was provided by S. Wright (cello) and Messrs. J. Pearson, H. Harrison and W. Lindsey.

Miss Hamar Greenwood came from

London, too, to meet old friends and pupils and Mr. E. Kessell was another unexpected and very welcome visitor; he had several calls in Yorkshire, which made it possible for him to join us.

HULL

From all quarters this year's reunion was proclaimed the best yet held in Hull, and judging by the remarks of many I am inclined to agree that it is the most successful ever held in Yorkshire. Three cheers for Hull!

In addition to a record attendance, we were visited by all the male members of the company from "Something New," playing at the Tivoli Theatre, and they knew how to entertain, too. The Misses Vaughan and Edwards delighted us with their unusual performance with violin and piano, and we were sorry when they left for another engagement. Miss Phyllis Hutchinson sang and was perfectly accompanied by Mr. Stubbs, of Powolney's Restaurant, where the reunion was held, and Miss Hutchinson's beautiful contralto voice left us, like Oliver Twist, wanting more. So many outside volunteers had we, in fact, that we were reluctantly obliged to forego the pleasure of previous years provided by P. Sparkes' recitations and songs. It was nice of him (and the sort of thing he would do) to take a back seat. However, his "Sparkes" (sorry) of wit, when proposing a vote of thanks, at the expense of a certain unfortunate after-care visitor, was evidence enough that he was not suffering from nervous depression. Moreover, I think the aforesaid after-care visitor may now claim the last laugh!!

As on the occasion of the Preston meeting, which marked the first of the new year, I want to make special mention of the regret expressed on all sides at the absence of one familiar face—Mr. P. Fairclough. We hope that long before this goes to press there is happier news of him at headquarters and that we may soon hear of his complete restoration to health.

E. E. R.

Lecture at Brighton

There is always something fascinating about anything connected with the East, and in consequence there was a large audience to hear the lecture given by Major Howie (late of the Gurka Regiment) in the big lounge on 7th March, under the title of "East of Suez." The lecturer spoke to us on the subject of India for an hour and a half, describing the beauties and customs of this land of burning sun and icy snow, of the Lamas—the dirtiest people on earth, who never wash from the cradle to the grave, and who spend their lives in praying, believing that, by so doing, they not only did their own souls good, but that their concentration of thought helped others; of the Babus (educated natives), who mix the language of Shakespeare with that of the old soldiers. For example, a Babu, wanting leave to attend some ceremony connected with his mother's death, applied in terms something like this: "Sahib, I wish for leave, because the hand that rocks the cradle has kicked the bucket."

Major Howie, in poetic language, described to us the grandeur of the Himalayas. He spoke highly of the Gurkas, with whom he had been for twenty years, and also paid a very high tribute to the Indian Civil servants and of the high moral code which they maintained as an example to the natives, the difficulties with which they had to contend in the administration of justice, which would be understood when, as he told us, it is the highest ambition of a Pathan mother that her son should grow up a fine thief!

Major Howie caused much amusement during his lecture with one or two good stories; for example, a troop train was held up in the siding one day. The Babu station master, talking to Major Howie, asked what part of England he came from. "Oh," said the Major, "I come from Scotland." "Excuse me, Sahib," replied the man, "I thought you were a European." And again, two old soldiers were arguing about the length of their respective service. "Shut up," said one, "I have seen more foreign countries than you have seen shop windows." "Garn," retorted the other, "I've had more time under chloroform than you have in the service."

At the conclusion of the lecture T. Rogers thanked Major Howie for a most interesting and edifying evening.

R.A.O.B.

The St. Mark's Lodge, held at The Prince Albert, Princess Road, Primrose Hill, once again showed their great interest in St. Dunstan's by inviting fifteen St. Dunstaners' children to their annual children's tea and concert. A splendid repast was prepared, and was followed by a concert, "Punch and Judy," community singing, and Charleston and singing competitions. At the conclusion of the party every kiddie was presented with a carrier containing a suitable toy, some fruit, sweets, &c. All the children had a wonderful time, and we think some of the grown-ups enjoyed themselves "a wee bit." The above lodge will be remembered by their generous presentation of 123 toys at our last general sports day.

Brothers of St. Mark's—we thank you!

W. A. T.

Camps

The camp near Stratford-on-Avon will be held from Monday, 24th June, to Tuesday, 2nd July; fee 27s. 6d. Please send names to Miss Hodgson, Clopton, Stratford-on-Avon.

THE LITTLE GADDESSEN CAMP

It is proposed this year to hold the usual camp at Little Gaddesden House, Nr. Berkhamstead, Herts., only if as many as twenty St. Dunstaners who are certain of coming send in their names by 1st May to Miss B. Talbot, Little Gaddesden House, Berkhamstead. The camp will not be held this year unless there are twenty applicants, so please send in your name and ask your St. Dunstaner friends to do the same. It is found impossible to make arrangements for the camp unless the organisers can be certain of a definite number of men beforehand. The date will be 22nd to 29th July. Journeys over 10s. will be assisted out of the Transport Fund. It is also hoped, as last year, to do some char-a-banc expeditions from the same fund. If wet, campers can sleep in a large dry barn.

A. HODGSON.

Births

- ELDER.—On the 3rd February, a son to the wife of J. Elder, of Leith.
- FEARN.—To the wife of E. Fearn, of Findern, a son, on the 14th of January.
- JACKSON.—To the wife of G. C. Jackson, of Ashford, a son, on the 22nd January.
- PERRY.—On the 23rd of January, to the wife of G. Perry, of Wolverhampton, a son (Derrick Thomas).
- SWANSTON.—At Lockerbie, to the wife of G. B. Swanston, a son, on 22nd January.

Deaths

This month we have to offer sympathy to the following:—

- BIGGADIKE.—To R. Biggadike, of Boston, who lost his mother on the 30th of January after a long illness. The funeral took place in Boston on 2nd February.
- BOTLEY.—To R. C. Botley, of "Waverley," 101 King Charles Road, Surbiton, whose family has suffered a double bereavement within a very short time. He lost his sister, Helen, on the 18th of December, and his father on the 23rd of January.
- Many will have a personal share in Botley's loss, for Miss Botley was well known, having been her brother's escort on many occasions when he was at the "College" or at St. Dunstan's Headquarters, which naturally brought her into touch with his friends.
- CHAFER.—To Mrs. Chafer, wife of H. G. Chafer, of Hull, who has lost her mother (resident in Aberdeen) after a very long illness.
- COCKBURN.—To T. Cockburn, of Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne, whose father died recently, having contracted pneumonia.
- DAWSON.—To Mrs. Dawson, of Carlton, near Newmarket, whose mother died on the 23rd January, having been ill only a very short time.
- JACKSON.—To G. Jackson, of Ashford, who lost his mother on the 13th of January. She was in her 74th year and died after a short illness.
- NIGHTINGALE.—To H. C. Nightingale, of St. Luke's, E.C., who lost his wife on the 30th of January from pneumonia. The loss is the more tragic in that

Nightingale and two children have also been seriously ill.

- SHERIDAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. P. Sheridan, of Rosyth, who lost their little daughter, aged 3½, on Saturday the 16th of February, in a most tragic manner. The child was playing near the fire when a spark set her clothing on fire.
- SIBLEY.—To T. Sibley, of Stratford-on-Avon, who lost his father, aged 72 years, on the 22nd of January.

Our Busy Joiners

At a little seaside hamlet called Freiston Shore, Boston, Lincs., one of our war-blinded officers is building up a nice little business in joinery. The following is an extract from a letter he has recently received from a customer for whom he made a dumb waiter:—

"Dear Mr. Smith,

My friends are much appreciative of my screen tea table so much so that one lady wants me to order two for her as Xmas presents and also to let her have the loan of mine this week-end as she has a shooting party, and some of her friends may be tempted to give you orders as well. I will enclose the order and the lady's address to which the tables should be sent.

(Sgd.) D. TURNER"

Another of our joiners who is always busy, and happy with it, is T. Till, of Lancaster, a proud father of two pretty little girls. Here is an extract from a recent letter:—

"Yes, we are all very busy here. The kiddies are busy with exams. and rehearsals for school concert. They have both been in for pianoforte exams. in connection with Trinity College. Dorothy passed with 96, and Marjorie, the youngest, with 87—maximum 100. Marjorie is top of her exams. at school as usual, though she is the youngest scholar in a class of about forty. They are bright kids."

Well done, Dorothy and Marjorie!

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